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WHAT IN BLAZES...? *HUMANS!*
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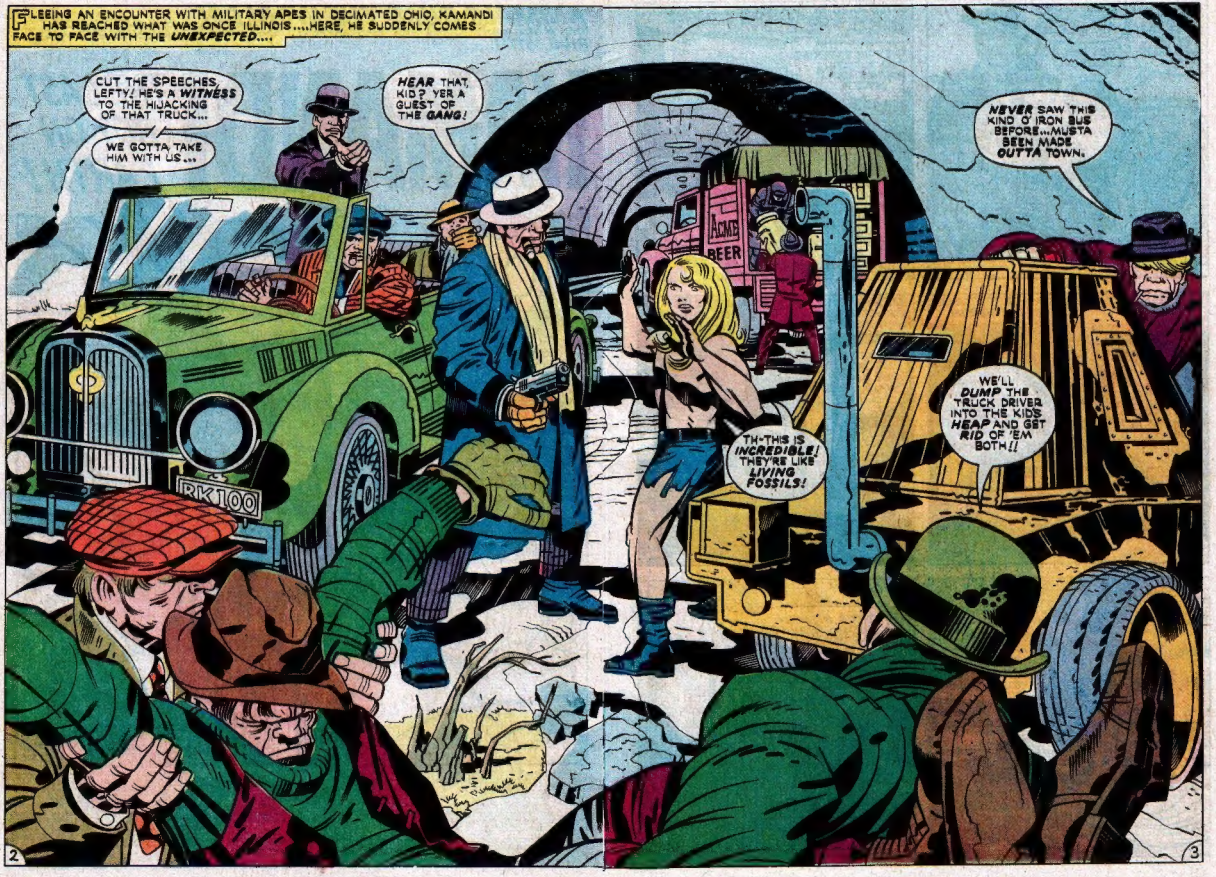
FLEEING AN ENCOUNTER WITH MILITARY APES IN DECIMATED OHIO, KAMANDI HAS REACHED WHAT WAS ONCE ILLINOIS....HERE, HE SUDDENLY COMES FACE TO FACE WITH THE UNEXPECTED....
CUT THE SPEECHES, LEFTY! HE'S A WITNESS TO THE HIJACKING OF THAT TRUCK...
WE GOTTA TAKE HIM WITH US...
HEAR THAT, KID? YER A GUEST OF THE GANG!
ACME BEER
RK 100
NEVER SAW THIS KIND O' IRON BUS BEFORE...MUSTA BEEN MADE OUTTA TOWN.
TH-THIS IS INCREDIBLE! THEY'RE LIKE LIVING FOSSILS!
WE'LL DUMP THE TRUCK DRIVER INTO THE KIDS HEAP AND GET RID OF 'EM BOTH!!
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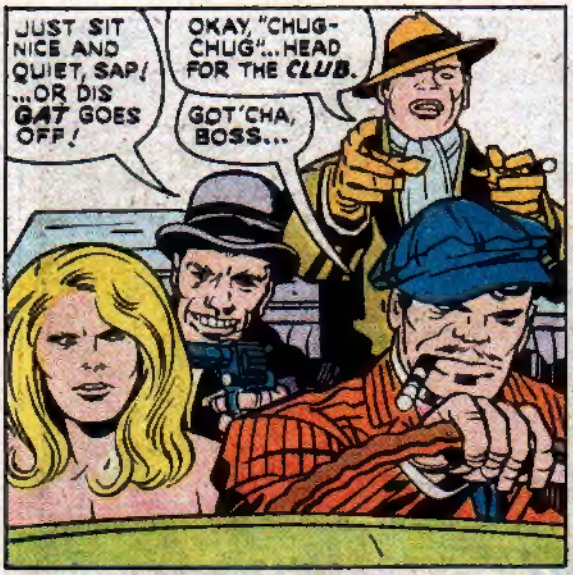
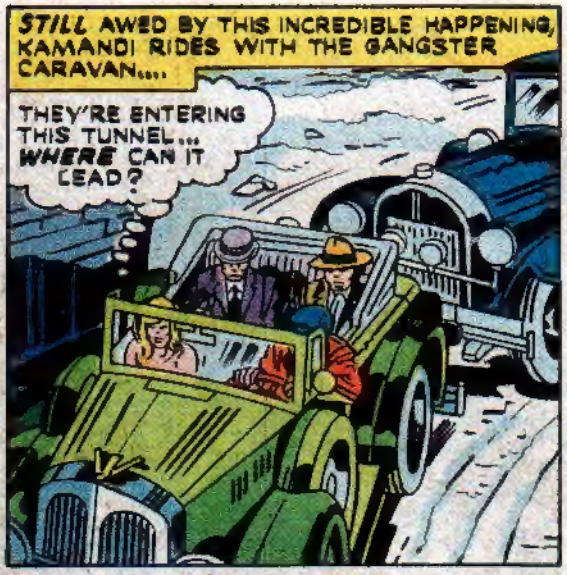
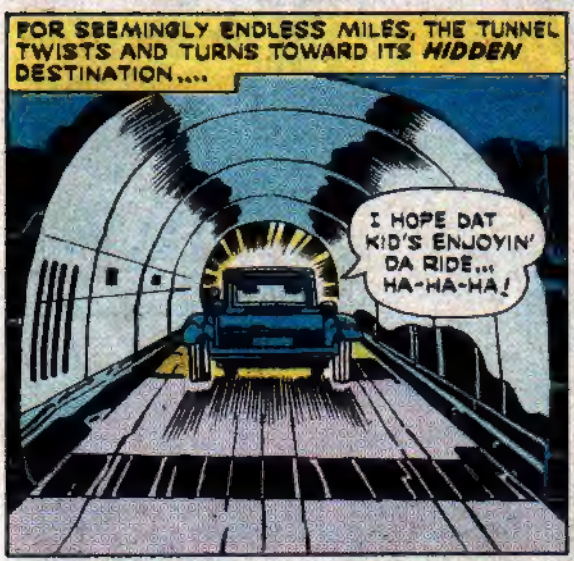
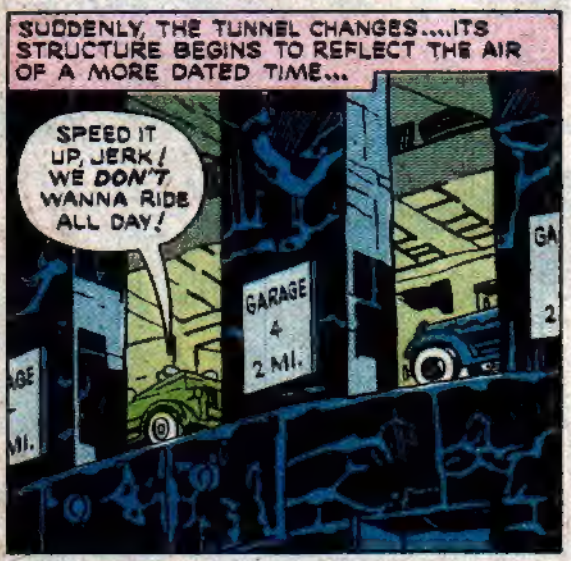
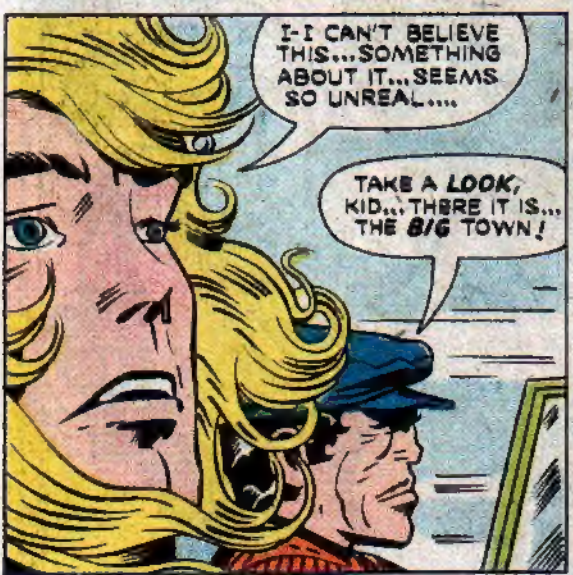
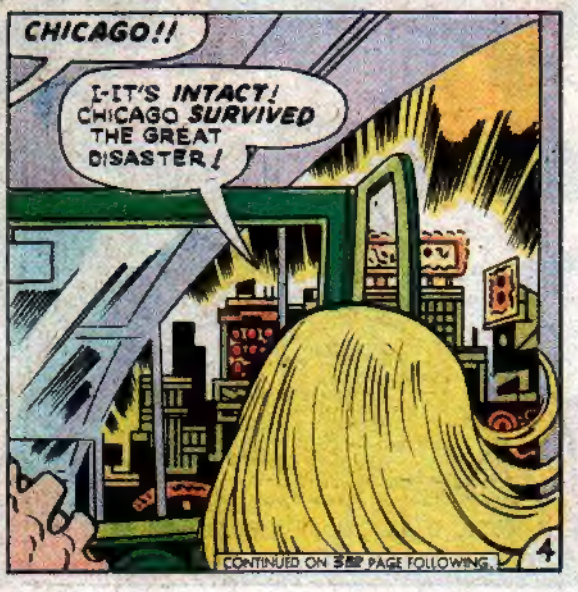

JUST SIT NICE AND QUIET, SAP! ...OR DIS GAT GOES OFF!
OKAY, "CHUG-CHUG"...HEAD FOR THE CLUB.
GOT'CHA, BOSS...


STILL AWED BY THIS INCREDIBLE HAPPENING, KAMANDI RIDES WITH THE GANGSTER CARAVAN....
THEY'RE ENTERING THIS TUNNEL... WHERE CAN IT LEAD?


FOR SEEMINGLY ENDLESS MILES, THE TUNNEL TWISTS AND TURNS TOWARD ITS HIDDEN DESTINATION....
I HOPE DAT KID'S ENJOYIN' DA RIDE... HA-HA-HA!


SUDDENLY, THE TUNNEL CHANGES....ITS STRUCTURE BEGINS TO REFLECT THE AIR OF A MORE DATED TIME...
SPEED IT UP, JERK! WE DON'T WANNA RIDE ALL DAY!
GARAGE 4 2 MI.


I-I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS...SOMETHING ABOUT IT...SEEMS SO UNREAL....
TAKE A LOOK, KID...THERE IT IS... THE BIG TOWN!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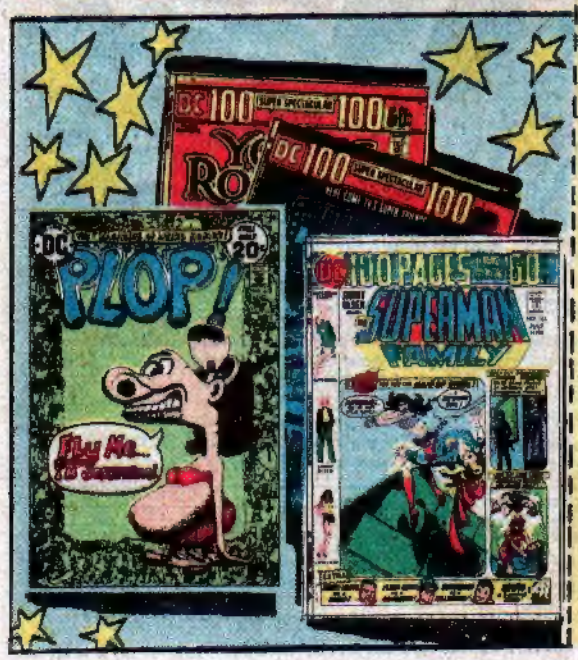

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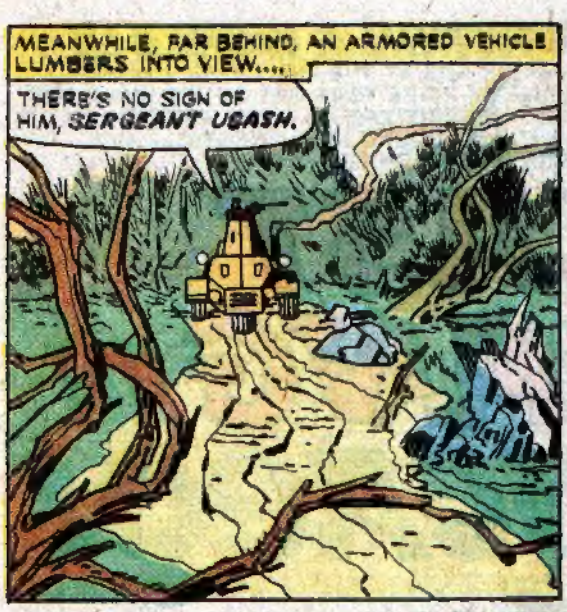
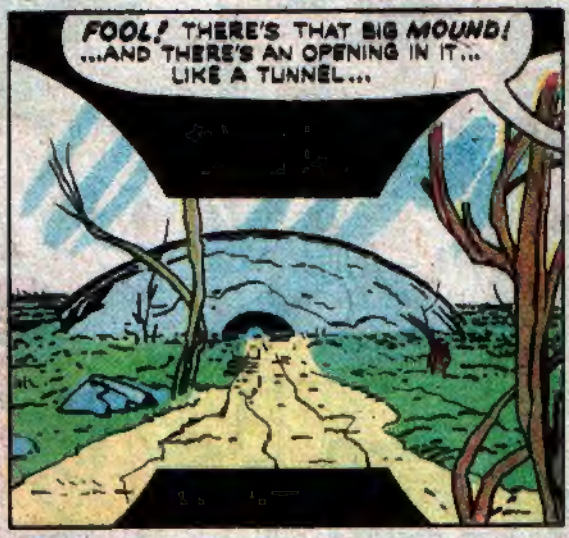

MEANWHILE, FAR BEHIND, AN ARMORED VEHICLE LUMBERS INTO VIEW....
THERE'S NO SIGN OF HIM, SERGEANT UGASH.

WHY DON'T WE TURN BACK... IT LOOKS LIKE HE SNOOK US...
NO ANIMAL IS SMART ENOUGH TO OUTWIT A GORILLA! STOP THE CAR...

HE CAME THIS WAY, I'M SURE OF IT/ I'LL TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THIS AREA...
THERE'S NOTHING OUT HERE... NOTHING!
UGASH


FOOL! THERE'S THAT BIG MOUND! ...AND THERE'S AN OPENING IN IT... LIKE A TUNNEL...

THAT'S WHERE OUR LITTLE, YELLOW-HAIRED ANIMAL IS HIDING...BUT HE WON'T BE SAFE FOR LONG!
WE'RE GOING IN AFTER HIM!
UGASH

THE MILITARY VEHICLE MOVES FORWARD ONCE MORE... TO BEGIN THE STRANGEST ENCOUNTER IN KAMANDI'S WORLD.
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THE LAST GANG IN CHICAGO!
CHAPTER TWO
THIS IS THE END OF THE LINE FOR ME...BUT WHAT A SURPRISE!
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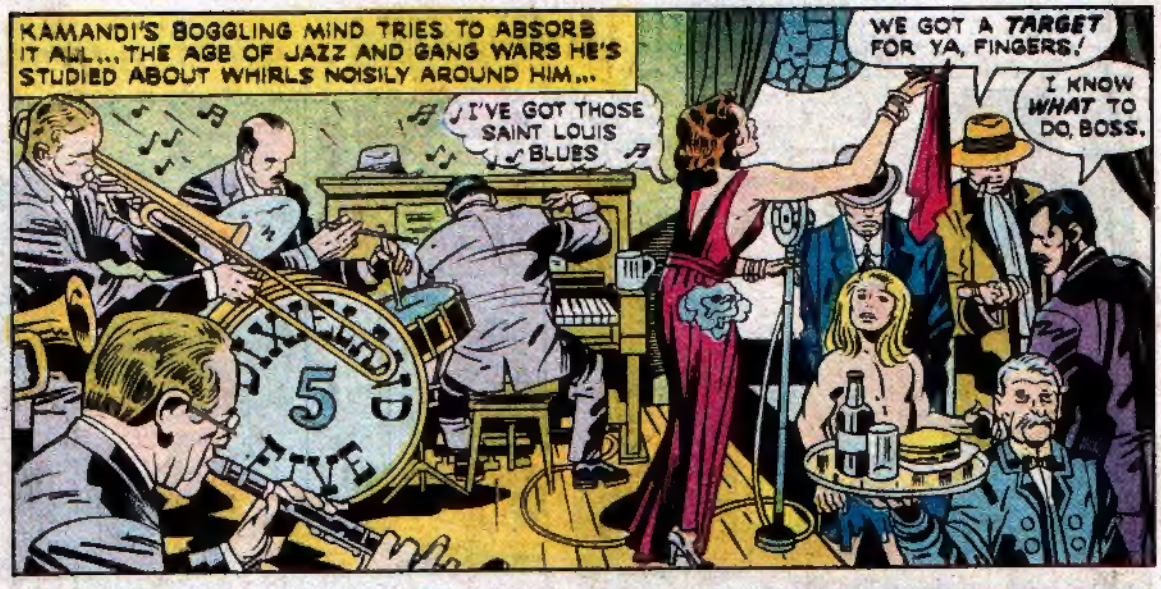
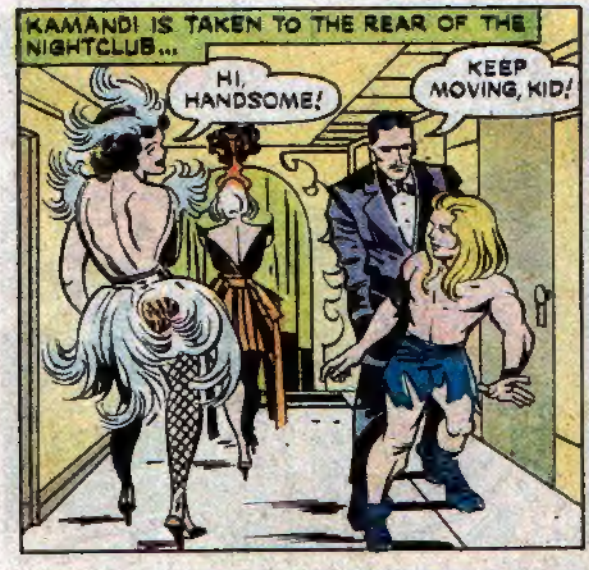
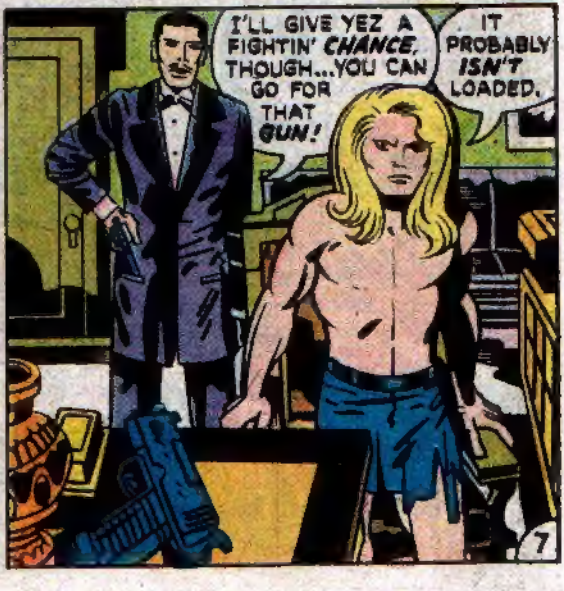

KAMANDI'S BOGGLING MIND TRIES TO ABSORB IT ALL... THE AGE OF JAZZ AND GANG WARS HE'S STUDIED ABOUT WHIRLS NOISILY AROUND HIM...
I'VE GOT THOSE SAINT LOUIS BLUES
DIXIELAND 5 FIVE
WE GOT A TARGET FOR YA, FINGERS!
I KNOW WHAT TO DO, BOSS.


KAMANDI IS TAKEN TO THE REAR OF THE NIGHTCLUB...
HI, HANDSOME!
KEEP MOVING, KID!

I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS. WHAT KIND OF GAME ARE WE PLAYING?
DA BOSS DON'T PLAY GAMES, KID! GET IN DAT ROOM!

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE GOING TO "BUMP ME OFF"!
ORDERS FROM DA BIG GUY, HIMSELF, KID...SORRY.


I'LL GIVE YEZ A FIGHTIN' CHANCE, THOUGH...YOU CAN GO FOR THAT GUN!
IT PROBABLY ISN'T LOADED.
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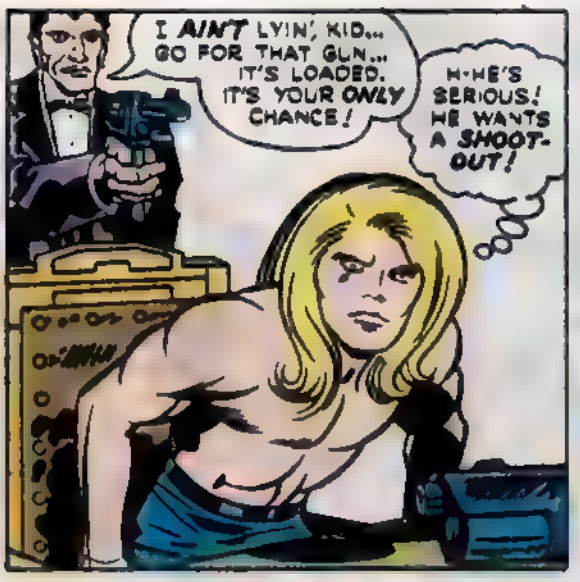
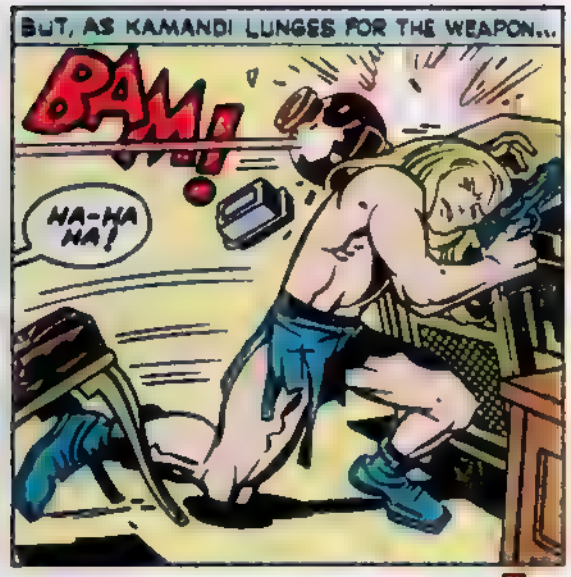
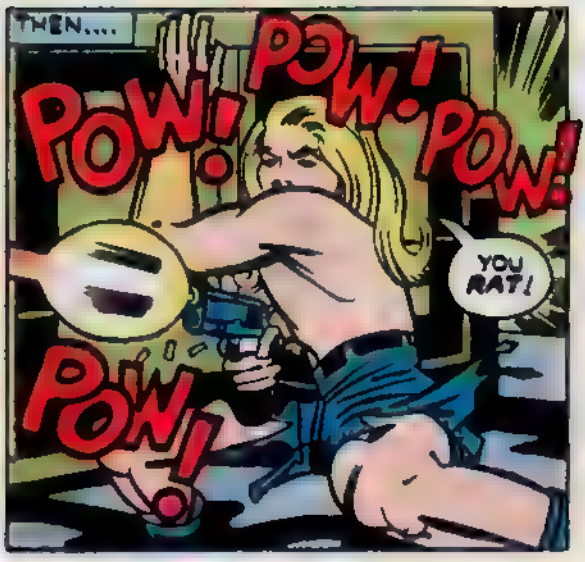
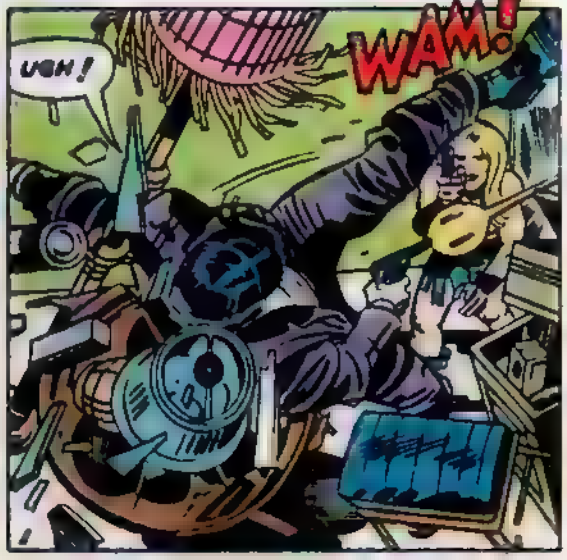
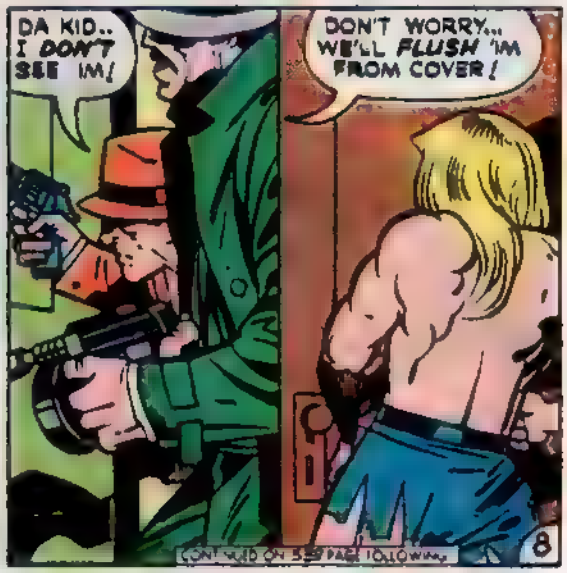

I AIN'T LYIN', KID... GO FOR THAT GUN... IT'S LOADED. IT'S YOUR ONLY CHANCE!
H-HE'S SERIOUS! HE WANTS A SHOOT-OUT!


BUT, AS KAMANDI LUNGES FOR THE WEAPON...
BAM!
HA-HA HA!


THEN....
POW!
POW!
POW!
POW!
YOU RAT!


UGH!
WAM!

THE SHOTS BRING MORE MOBSTERS!
TAKE IT, YOU MUGS!
SPEE!
SFAP!


DA KID.. I DON'T SEE IM!
DON'T WORRY... WE'LL FLUSH 'IM FROM COVER!
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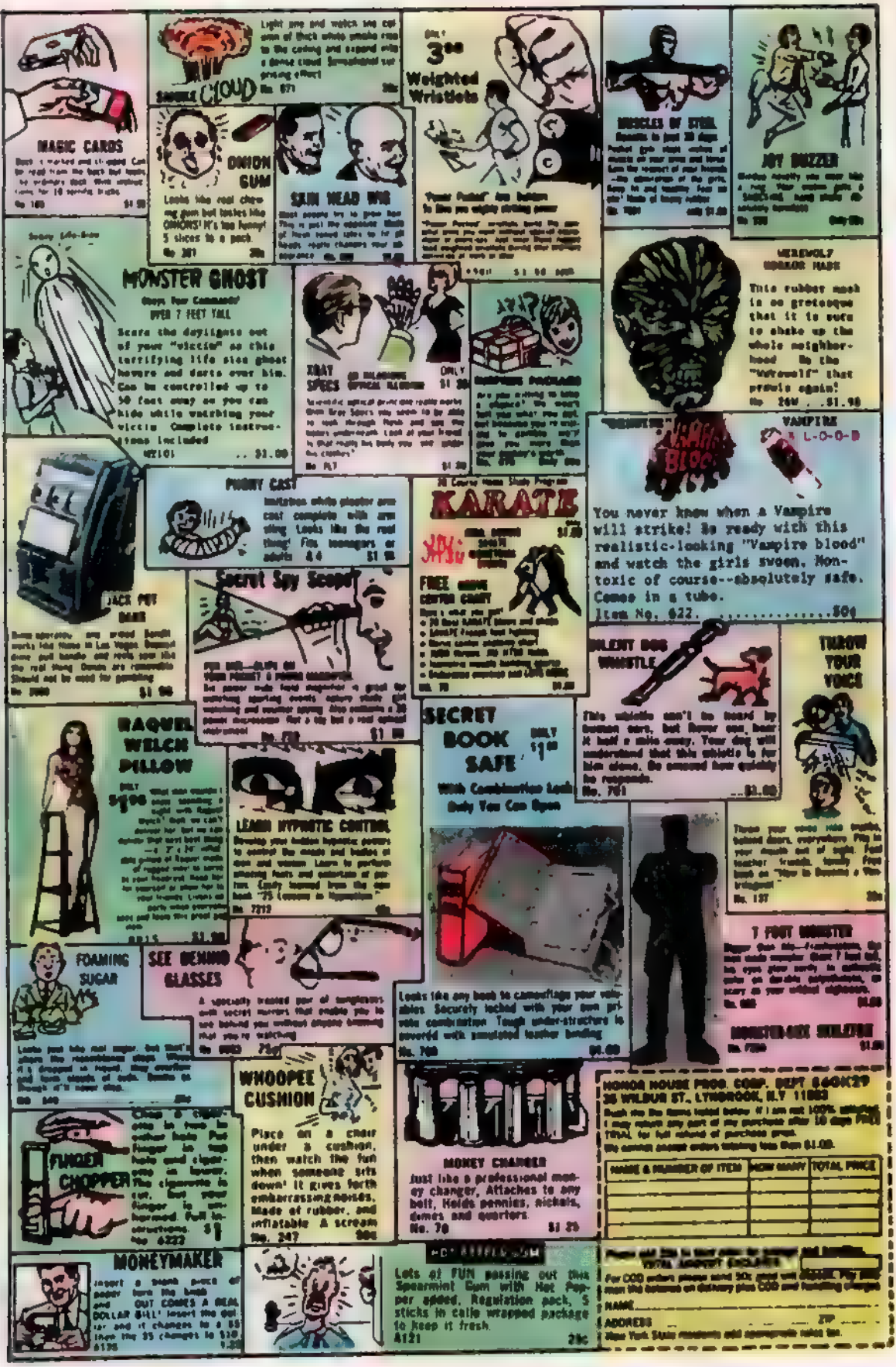
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SLAM!!
OW!
I'VE GOT THEIR TOMMY-GUN... NOW TO GET OUT OF THIS ROOM...
KAMANDI BURSTS OUT IN A HAIL OF GUNFIRE...
RATATATAT!
BAAM!!
AAAA!
STOP 'IM! STOP 'IM!
PYOWW!!
RATATATAT!
UKKK!
WAM!
SUDDENLY, THE FIRING STOPS... KAMANDI IS THE ONLY ONE LEFT ON HIS FEET...
I-I'M ALIVE... I MADE IT...
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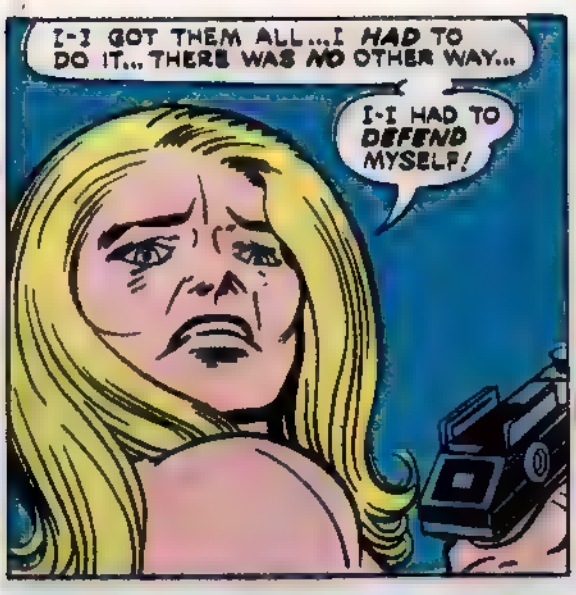
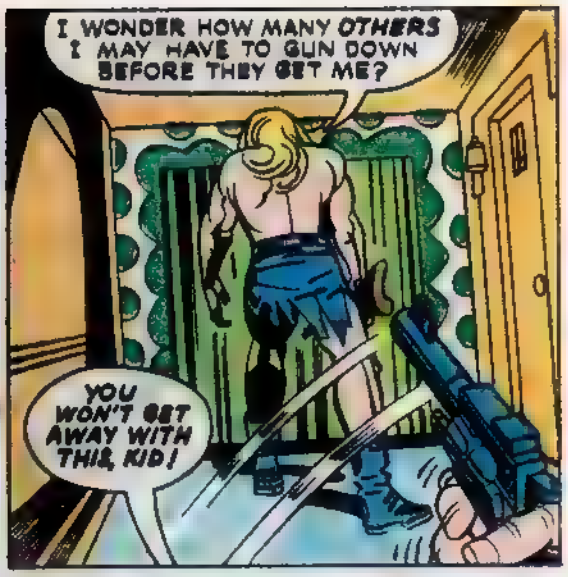
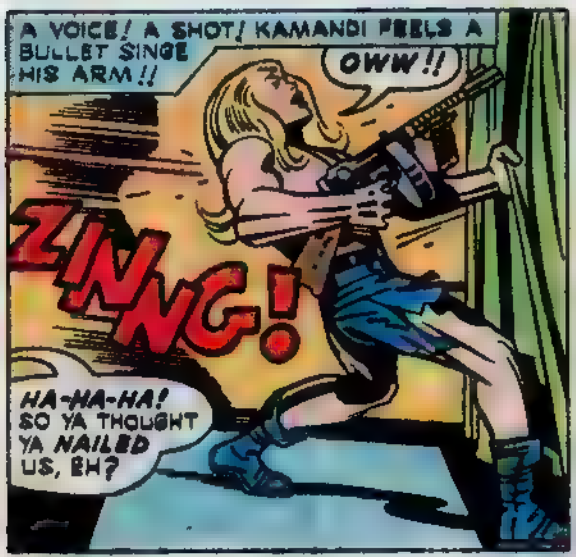
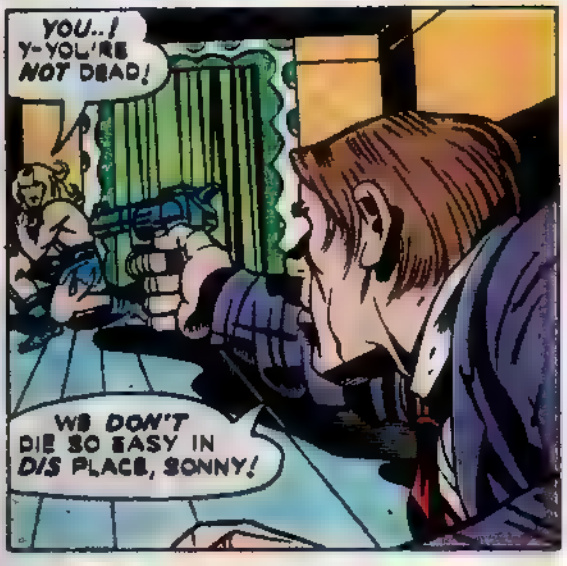
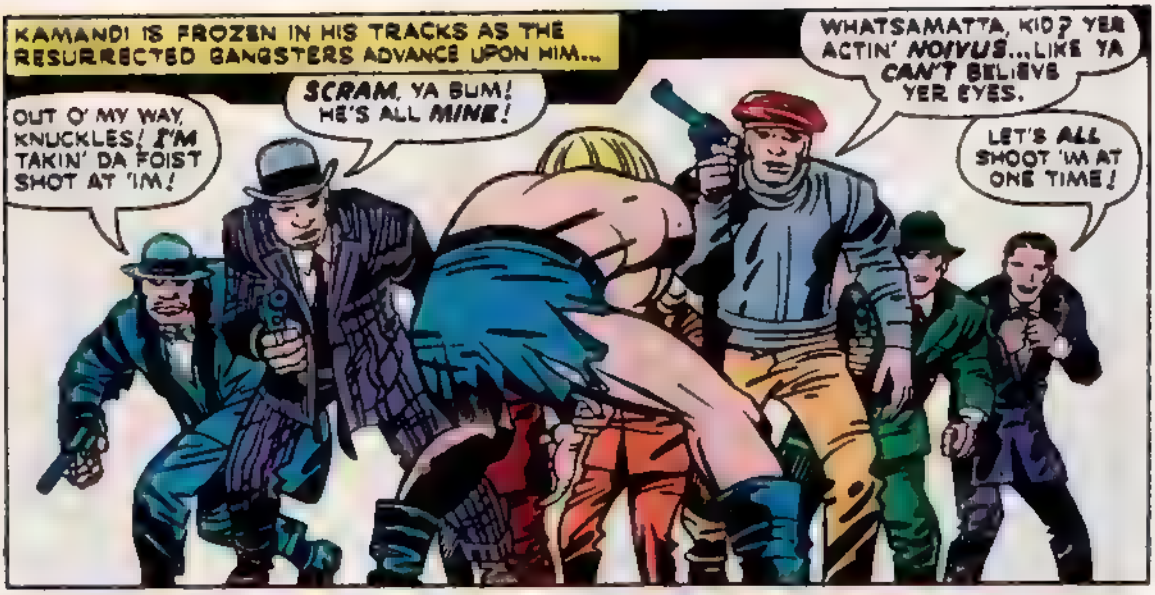

I-I GOT THEM ALL...I HAD TO DO IT... THERE WAS NO OTHER WAY...
I-I HAD TO DEFEND MYSELF!

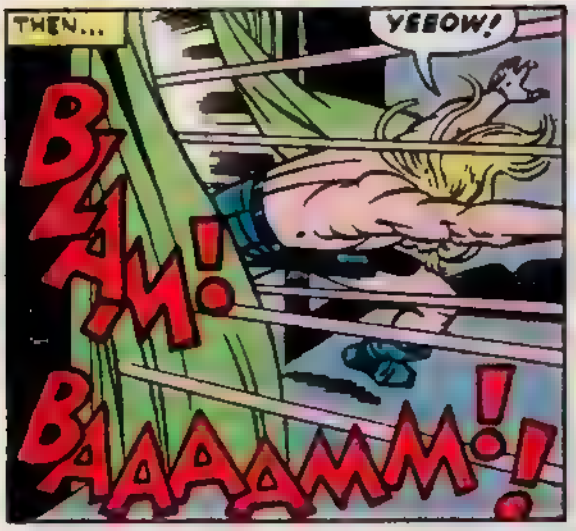

I WONDER HOW MANY OTHERS I MAY HAVE TO GUN DOWN BEFORE THEY GET ME?
YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS, KID!

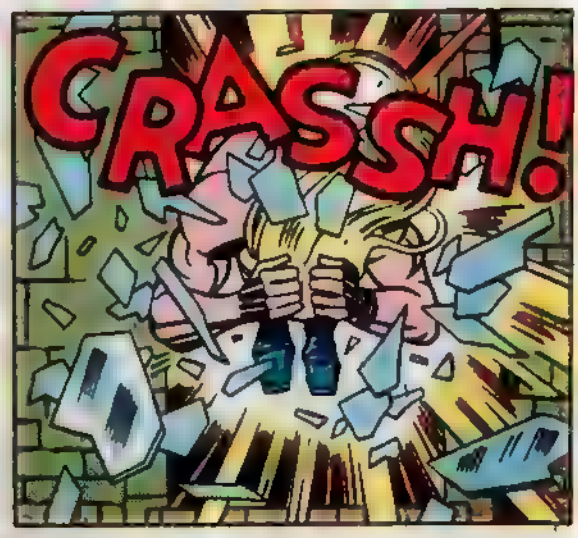

A VOICE! A SHOT! KAMANDI FEELS A BULLET SINGE HIS ARM!!
OWW!!
ZINNG!
HA-HA-HA! SO YA THOUGHT YA NAILED US, EH?


YOU..! Y-YOU'RE NOT DEAD!
WE DON'T DIE SO EASY IN DIS PLACE, SONNY!

THE WORDS RING TRUE... THOSE WHO DIED A MOMENT BEFORE...NOW SLOWLY RISE TO THEIR FEET...
HE'S RIGHT, KID... WE'RE STILL ALIVE!
DIS TIME WE'LL FILL HIM FULL O' HOLES!
HA-HA-HA...! WE'RE GONNA TAKE ANUDDER CRACK AT HIM!


KAMANDI IS FROZEN IN HIS TRACKS AS THE RESURRECTED GANGSTERS ADVANCE UPON HIM...
OUT O' MY WAY, KNUCKLES! I'M TAKIN' DA FOIST SHOT AT 'IM!
SCRAM, YA BUM! HE'S ALL MINE!
WHATSAMATTA, KID? YER ACTIN' NOIVUS... LIKE YA CAN'T BELIEVE YER EYES.
LET'S ALL SHOOT 'IM AT ONE TIME!


THEN...
YEEOW!
BLAM!
BAAAAMM!!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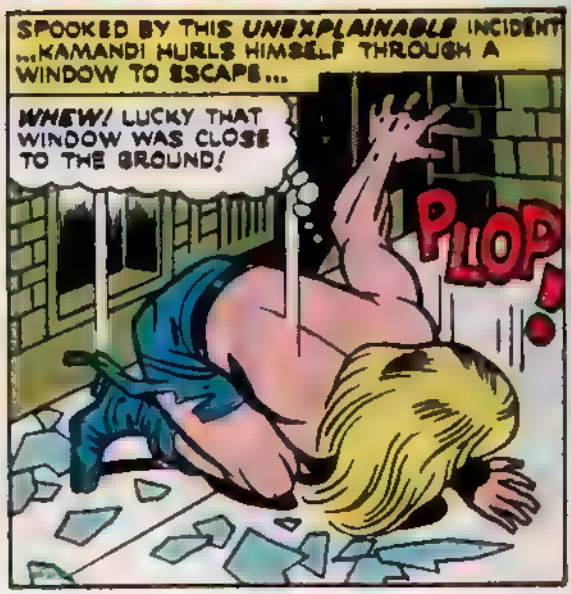
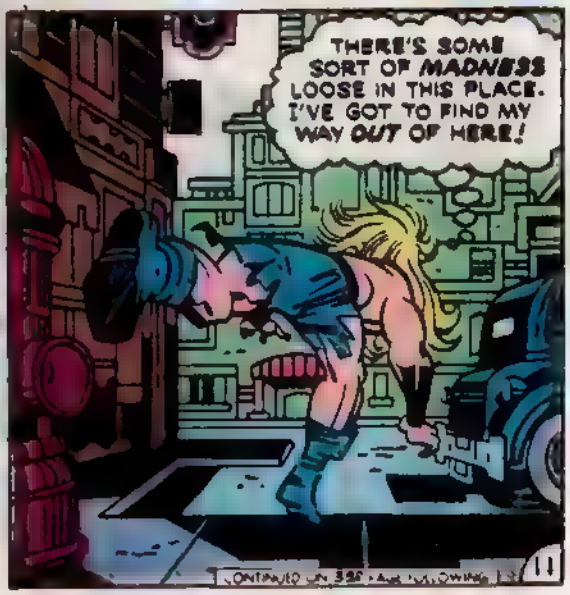

SPOOKED BY THIS UNEXPLAINABLE INCIDENT ...KAMANDI HURLS HIMSELF THROUGH A WINDOW TO ESCAPE...
WHEW! LUCKY THAT WINDOW WAS CLOSE TO THE GROUND!
PLOP!


THERE'S SOME SORT OF MADNESS LOOSE IN THIS PLACE. I'VE GOT TO FIND MY WAY OUT OF HERE!
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IF YOU OWN TAPES OR RECORDS . . .

1955

TITLE	ARTIST
Cherry Pink/Apple Blossom White	Perez Prado
Rock Around the Clock	Bill Haley
Autumn Leaves	Roger Williams
Yellow Rose of Texas	Mitch Miller
[illegible] is A Many Splendored Thing	Four Aces
Moments to Remember	Four Lads
Am I That A Shame	Pat Boone
Crazy Otto	Johnny Maddox
Hearts of Stone	Fontane Sisters
Let Me Go Lover	Joan Weber
Ma	Al Hibbler
I Hear You Knockin	Gale Storm
Unchained Melody	Al Hibbler
Till	Roger Williams
March from the River Kwai	Mitch Miller
Friendly Persuasion	Pat Boone

1956

TITLE	ARTIST
Mack The Knife	Bobby Darin
Dream Lover	Bobby Darin
Smoke Gets In Your Eyes	The Platters
El Paso	Marty Robbins
Stagger Lee	Lloyd Price
Personality	Lloyd Price
Donna	Ritchie Valens
La Bamba	Ritchie Valens
Charlie Brown	Coasters
Kansas City	Wilbert Harrison
Sleep Walk	Santo and Johnny
The Happy Organ	Dave (Baby) Cortez
Heartaches By The Number	Guy Mitchell
My Heart Is An Open Book	Carl Dobkins, Jr
Venus	Frankie Avalon
Lonesome Town	Ricky Nelson

1963

TITLE	ARTIST
Sugar Shack	Jimmy Gilmer
He's So Fine	Chiffons
Hey Paula	Paul and Paula
Blue Velvet	Bobby Vinton
Louie Louie	Kingsmen
Sukiyaki	Kyu Sakamoto
My Boyfriend's Back	Angels
I Will Follow Him	Little Peggy March
Walk Like A Man	Four Seasons
It's My Party	Lesley Gore
Surf City	Jan and Dean
I'm Leaving It Up To You	Dale and Grace
Deep Purple	Nino Tempo April Stevens
Rhythm Of The Rain	Cascades
If You Wanna Be Happy	Jimmy Soul
Our Boy Will Come	Ruby & The Romantics

1958

TITLE	ARTIST
Heartbreak Hotel	Elvis Presley
I Want, I Need, I Love You	Elvis Presley
Hound Dog	Elvis Presley
Don't Be Cruel	Elvis Presley
Love Me Tender	Elvis Presley
My Prayer	The Platters
Only You	The Platters
The Great Pretender	The Platters
Green Door	Jim Lowe
Singing The Blues	Guy Mitchell
Poor People of Paris	Les Baxter
Whatever Will Be, Will Be	Doris Day
Canadian Sunset	Hugo Winterhalter
Allegheny Moon	Patti Page
I Almost Lost My Mind	Pat Boone
Memories Are Made Of This	Dean Martin

1960

TITLE	ARTIST
Theme From a Summer Place	Percy Faith
It's Now Or Never	Elvis Presley
Stuck On You	Elvis Presley
I'm Sorry	Brenda Lee
Hell Have To Go	Jim Reeves
Cathy's Clown	Everly Brothers
Running Bear	Johnny Preston
Last Date	Floyd Cramer
Save The Last Dance For Me	Drifters
Greenfields	Brothers Four
A Thousand Stars	Kathy Young
You Send Me	Sam Cooke
Wonder World	Sam Cooke
Hey Billy Teenie Weenie Bikini	Brian Hyland
Handy Man	Jimmy Jones
Good Timin	Jimmy Jones

1964

TITLE	ARTIST
Anyone Who Had A Heart	Dionne Warwick
Laugh, Laugh	Beau Brummels
A Summer Song	Chad & Jeremy
It's Not Unusual	Tom Jones
Baby I'm Yours	Barbara Lewis
Girl From Ipanema (Full Version)	Getz/Gilberto
Last Kiss	J. Frank Wilson
Hello Dolly!	Louis Armstrong
I Get Around	Beach Boys
Where Did Our Love Go	Supremes
Mr. Lonely	Bobby Vinton
Do Wah Diddy Diddy	Manfred Mann
Everybody Loves Somebody	Dean Martin
Chapel Of Love	Dixie Cups
Rag Doll	Four Seasons
Leader Of The Pack	Shangri-Las

1957

TITLE	ARTIST
Bye, Bye Love	Everly Brothers
Problems	Everly Brothers
Love Letters In The Sand	Pat Boone
April Love	Pat Boone
Don't Forbid Me	Pat Boone
Loving You	Elvis Presley
Teddy Bear	Elvis Presley
All Shook Up	Elvis Presley
That's When Heartaches Begin	Elvis Presley
Little Darlin	Diamonds
Searchin'	Coasters
Young Love	Sonny James
Silhouettes	Rays
Gone	Ferlin Husky
Be Bop....	Jimmy Dorsey
Whole Good Cast	Marty Robbins

1961

TITLE	ARTIST
Tossin and Turnin	Bobby Lewis
Big Bad John	Jimmy Dean
Exodus	Ferrante and Teicher
Runaway	Del Shannon
Runaround Sue	Dion
Will You Love Me Tomorrow	Shirelles
Travelin Man	Ricky Nelson
Michael	Highwaymen
The Lion Sleeps Tonight	Tokens
Bristol Stomp	Dorelle
Blue Moon	Marcels
Surrender	Elvis Presley
Take Good Care Of My Baby	Bobby Vee
Hit The Road, Jack	Ray Charles
Run To Him	Bobby Vee
Crying	Roy Orbison

1965

TITLE	ARTIST
Satisfaction	Rolling Stones
You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin	Righteous Brothers
Downtown	Petula Clark
Turn! Turn! Turn!	Byrds
Stop! In The Name Of Love	Supremes
Lies, Lies	Castaways
Do You Believe In Magic	Lovin Spoonful
What Becomes Of The Brokenhearted	Jimmy Ruffin
This Diamond Ring	Gary Lewis & Playboys
My Girl	Temptations
I Got You Babe	Sonny and Cher
Get ON My Cloud	Rolling Stones
Sounds of Silence	Simon and Garfunkel
Help Me Rhonda	Beach Boys
Tambourine Man	Byrds
Eve of Destruction	Barry McGuire

1959

TITLE	ARTIST
It's All In The Game	Tommy Edwards
Twilight Time	The Platters
All I Have To Do is Dream	Everly Brothers
Bird Dog	Everly Brothers
Patricia	Perez Prado
Volare (Nel Blu Di Pinto Di Blue)	Domenico Modugno
Little Star	Elegants
Don't	Elvis Presley
Tom Dooley	Kingston Trio
Get A Job	Silhouettes
Purple People Eater	Sheb Wooley
Poor Little Fool	Ricky Nelson
Yakety Yak	Coasters
Great Balls of Fire	Jerry Lee Lewis
At The Hop	Danny And the Juniors
Peggy Sue	Buddy Holly

1962

TITLE	ARTIST
I Can't Stop Loving You	Ray Charles
Big Girls Don't Cry	Four Seasons
Roses Are Red	Bobby Vinton
Stranger On The Shore	Acker Bilk
Sherry	Four Seasons
Johnny Angel	Shelly Fabares
Return To Sender	Elvis Presley
Soldier Boy	Shirelles
The Stripper	David Rose
Breaking Up Is Hard To Do	Neil Sedaka
Ramblin' Rose	Nat King Cole
Good Luck Charm	Elvis Presley
Loco-Motion	Little Eva
Bobby's Girl	Marcie Blane
Monster Mash	Bobby Pickett
The Wanderer	Dion

1966

TITLE	ARTIST
I'm A Believer	Monkees
Winchester Cathedral	New Vaudeville Band
96 Tears	? and the Mysterians
Soul and Inspiration	Righteous Brothers
Snoopy and the Red Baron	Kaye Guardsmen
Monday, Monday	Mamas and Papas
Good Vibrations	Beach Boys
Reach Out, I'll Be There	Four Tops
Cherish	Association
Good Lovin	Young Rascals
Sunshine Superman	Donovan
Wild Thing	Troggs
Strangers In The Night	Frank Sinatra
Poor Side Of Town	Johnny Rivers
When A Man Loves A Woman	Percy Sledge
Hanky Panky	Tommy James

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Ode To Billie Joe		Bobbie Gentry
Daydream Believer		Monkees
Light My Fire		Doors
The Letter		Box Tops
Windy		Association
Groovin		Young Rascals
Incense & Peppermints		Strawberry Alarm Clock
Little Bit O Soul		Music Explosion
Never My Love		Association
Can't Take My Eyes Off You		Frankie Valli
Kind Of A Drag		Buckinghams
Pied Piper		Crispian St. Peters
Woman, Woman		Gary Puckett Union Gap
Ruby Tuesday		Rolling Stones
I Was Made To Love Her		Stevie Wonder
Sweet Soul Music		Arthur Conley

TITLE	1968	ARTIST
Atlantis		Donovan
I Heard It Through The Grapevine		Marvin Gaye
Love Is Blue		Paul Mauriat
Love Child		Diana Ross/Supremes
Sittin' On The Dock Of The Bay		Otis Redding
Honey		Bobby Goldsboro
People Got To Be Free		Rascals
This Guy's In Love With You		Doors
Harper Valley P.T.A		Jeanne C. Riley
Hello, I Love You		Doors
For Once In My Life		Stevie Wonder
Those Were The Days		Mary Hopkins
Little Green Apples		O. C. Smith
Green Tambourine		Lemon Pipers
Cry Like A Baby		Box Tops
Mrs. Robinson		Simon and Garfunkel

TITLE	1969	ARTIST
Sugar, Sugar		Archies
Aquarius/Let The Sunshine In		Fifth Dimension
Honky Tonk Woman		Rolling Stones
Everyday People		Sly & Family Stone
Crimson and Clover		Tommy James/Shondells
By The Time I Get To Phoenix		Glen Campbell
In The Year 2525		Zager and Evans
Leaving On A Jet Plane		Peter, Paul & Mary
Someday We'll Be Together		Diana Ross/Supremes
Crystal Blue Persuasion		Tommy James/Shondells
Hair		Cowsills
Spinning Wheel		Blood, Sweat & Tears
I'm Gonna Make You Love Me		Supremes & Temptations
A Boy Named Sue		Johnny Cash
Proud Mary		Creedence Clearwater
Green River		Creedence Clearwater

TITLE	1970	ARTIST
Raindrops Fallin' On My Head		B. J. Thomas
Bridge Over Troubled Water		Simon and Garfunkel
Close To You		Carpenters
I Think I Love You		Partridge Family
Pinball Wizard (Original Version)		The Who
Rose Garden		Lynn Anderson
Mr. Business Man		Ray Stevens
One Less Bell To Answer		Fifth Dimension
War		Edwin Starr
A-B-C		Jackson Five
Mama Told Me (Not To Come)		Three Dog Night
Make It With You		Bread
American Woman		Guess Who
We've Only Just Begun		Carpenters
Crackin' Rosie		Neil Diamond
Everything Is Beautiful		Ray Stevens

TITLE	1971	ARTIST
Brown Sugar		Rolling Stones
Want Ads		Honey Cone
II		Bread
Sweet Hitch-Hiker		CCR
Sweet Mary		Wadsworth Mansion
Country Roads		John Denver
How Can I Be Sure		Box Tops
I Am I Said		Neil Diamond
Walk Away		James Gang
Maggie May (Full Version)		Rod Stewart
Loving Her Was Easier		Kris Kristofferson
Old Fashioned Love Song		Three Dog Night
Do You Know What I Mean		Lee Michaels
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Story In Your Eyes		Moody Blues
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SLAUGHTER ON MICHIGAN AVENUE!
UGASH
BINGO! WE'VE FOUND OUR QUARRY!
WOMP!
LOOKS LIKE HE FOUND YOU, SARGE!
UGH...!
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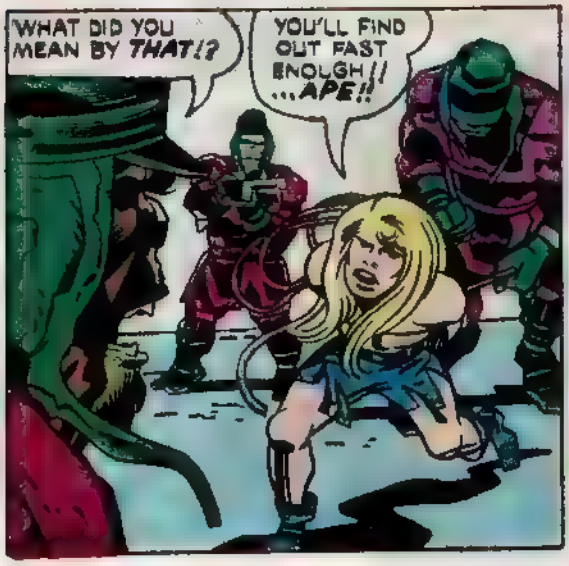
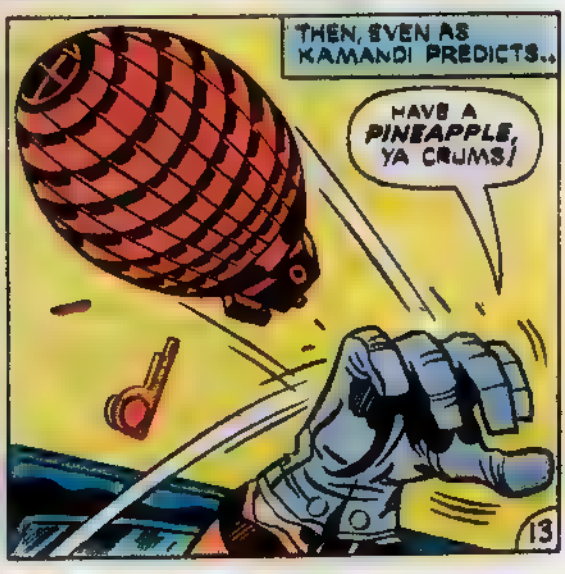
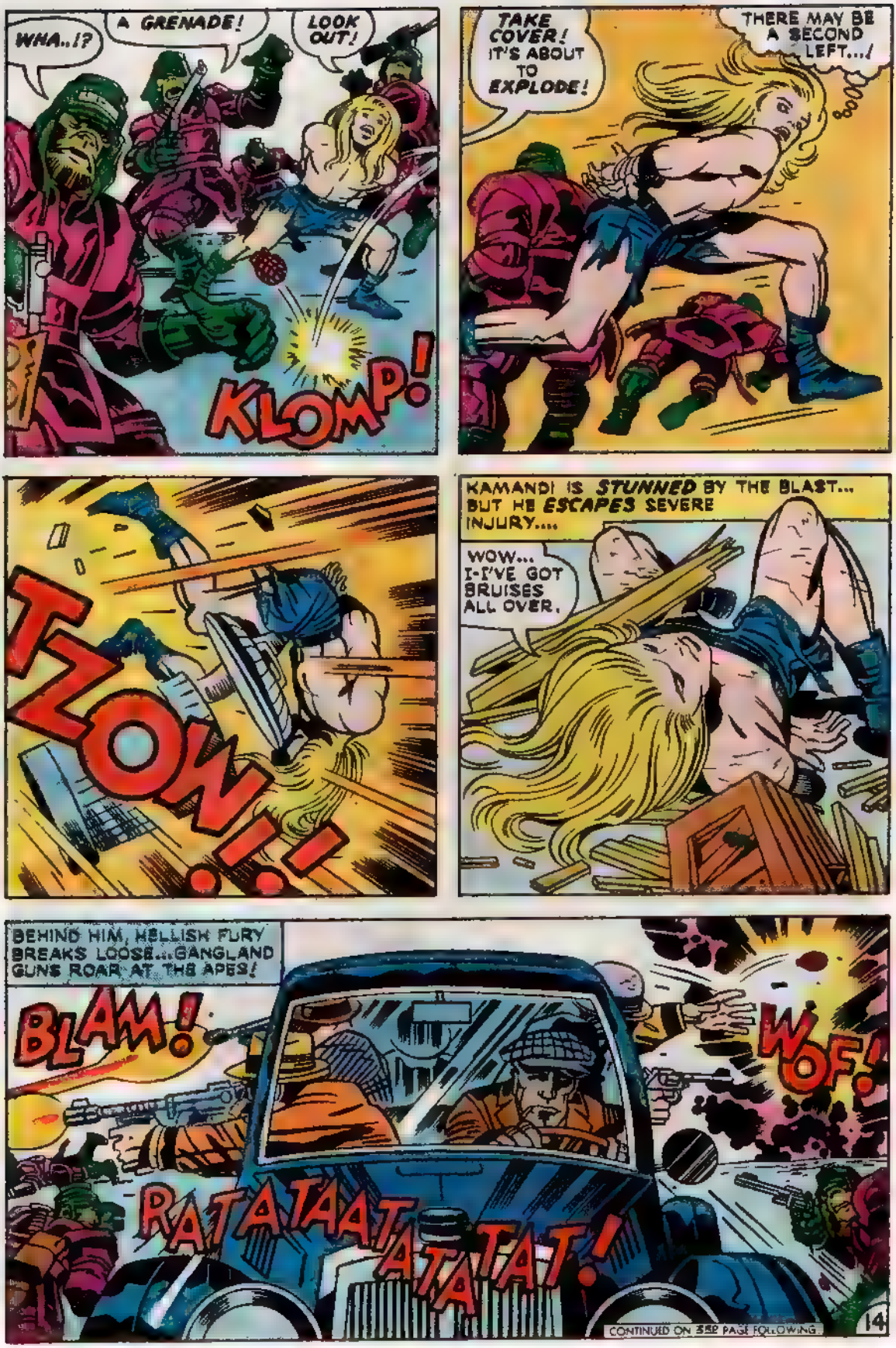
HOPE SINKS IN KAMANDI AS HE SUDDENLY FINDS HIMSELF IN THE HANDS OF THE GORILLAS...
APES! ...H-HOW DID YOU GET HERE!!?
WE TRACKED YOU! WE DIDN'T WANT TO LOSE A VALUABLE TALKING ANIMAL!
YEAH...ESPECIALLY ONE WHO GAVE US SO MUCH TROUBLE!

YOU'LL NEVER ESCAPE US AGAIN, ANIMAL! MY TROOPS WILL SEE TO THAT!
UGASH
LET ME GO! LET ME GO!

TAKE CHARGE OF HIM! BEAT HIM IF HE STRUGGLES!
IT'LL BE A PLEASURE, SARGE.
YOU FOOLS! THIS PLACE IS A TRAP!


WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY THAT!?
YOU'LL FIND OUT FAST ENOUGH!! ...APE!!


THEN, EVEN AS KAMANDI PREDICTS..
HAVE A PINEAPPLE, YA CRUMS!


WHA..!?
A GRENADE!
LOOK OUT!
KLOMP!
TAKE COVER! IT'S ABOUT TO EXPLODE!
THERE MAY BE A SECOND LEFT.../
TZOW!!
KAMANDI IS STUNNED BY THE BLAST... BUT HE ESCAPES SEVERE INJURY....
WOW... I-I'VE GOT BRUISES ALL OVER.
BEHIND HIM, HELLISH FURY BREAKS LOOSE...GANGLAND GUNS ROAR AT THE APES!
BLAM!
WOF!
RATATAATATATAT!
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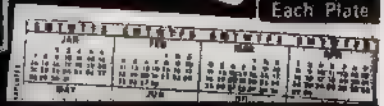

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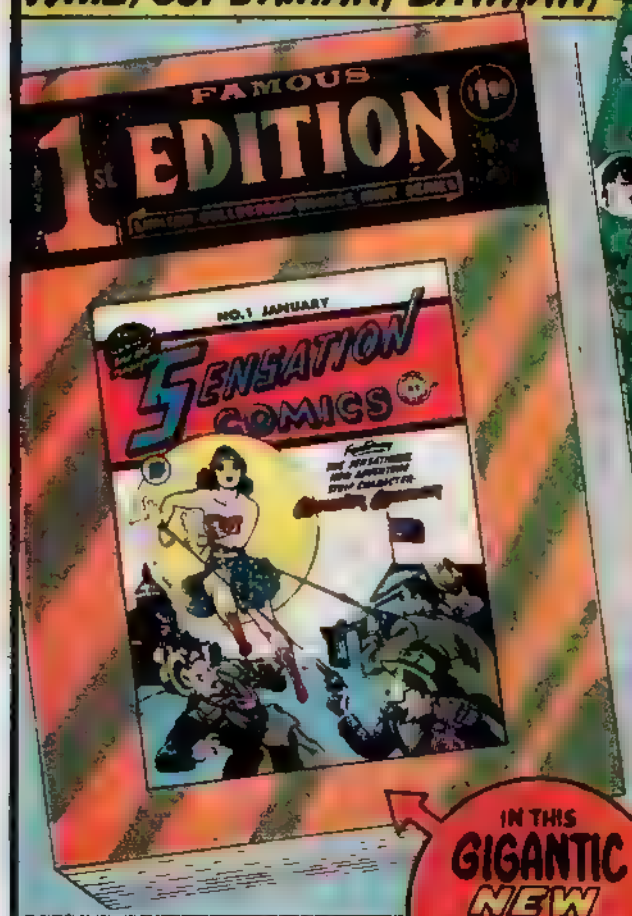

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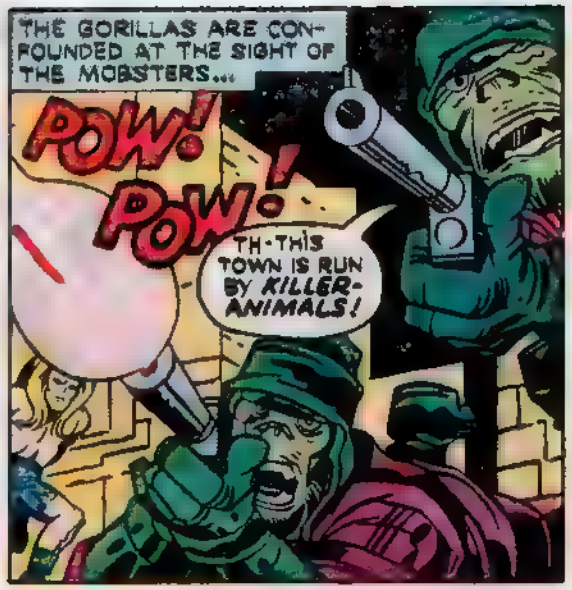
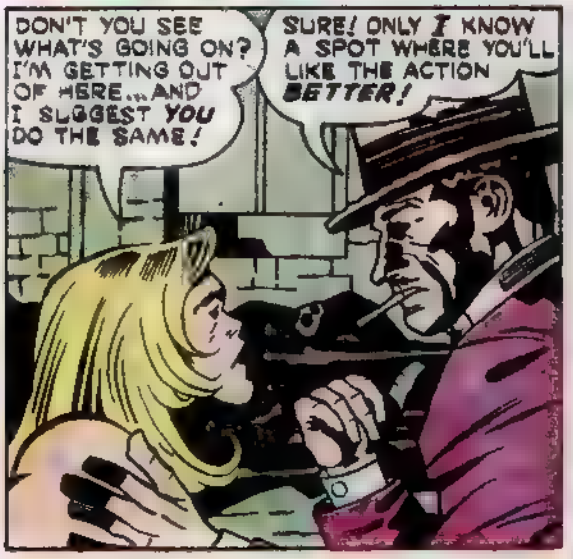
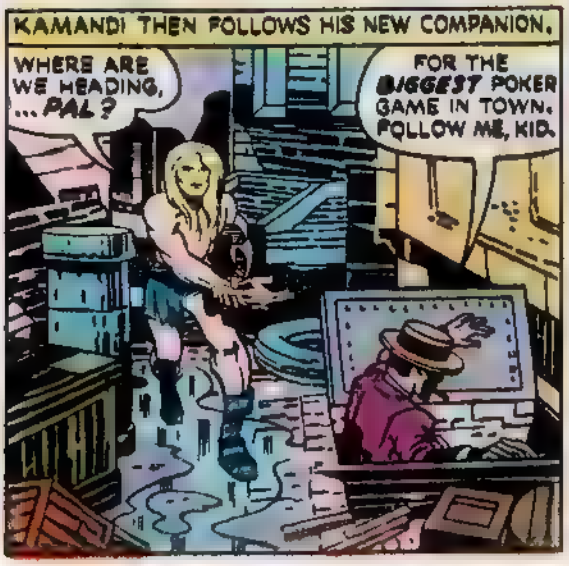

THE GORILLAS ARE CONFOUNDED AT THE SIGHT OF THE MOBSTERS...
POW!
POW!
TH-THIS TOWN IS RUN BY KILLER-ANIMALS!

AS FOR KAMANDI...
PSST! C'MERE, KID...
WH-WHO ARE YOU?


DON'T YOU SEE WHAT'S GOING ON? I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE...AND I SUGGEST YOU DO THE SAME!
SURE! ONLY I KNOW A SPOT WHERE YOU'LL LIKE THE ACTION BETTER!

I'D LIKE IT BETTER IF YOU'D UNTIE THESE ROPES!
ASK NO MORE. GENTLEMAN GEORGE IS A FRIEND TO ALL!


KAMANDI THEN FOLLOWS HIS NEW COMPANION.
WHERE ARE WE HEADING, ...PAL?
FOR THE BIGGEST POKER GAME IN TOWN. FOLLOW ME, KID.

BUT WHY DO WE HAVE TO SNEAK DOWN ALLEYS AND CELLARS?
TO SHAKE THE LAW...YOU KNOW GAMBLING'S ILLEGAL.
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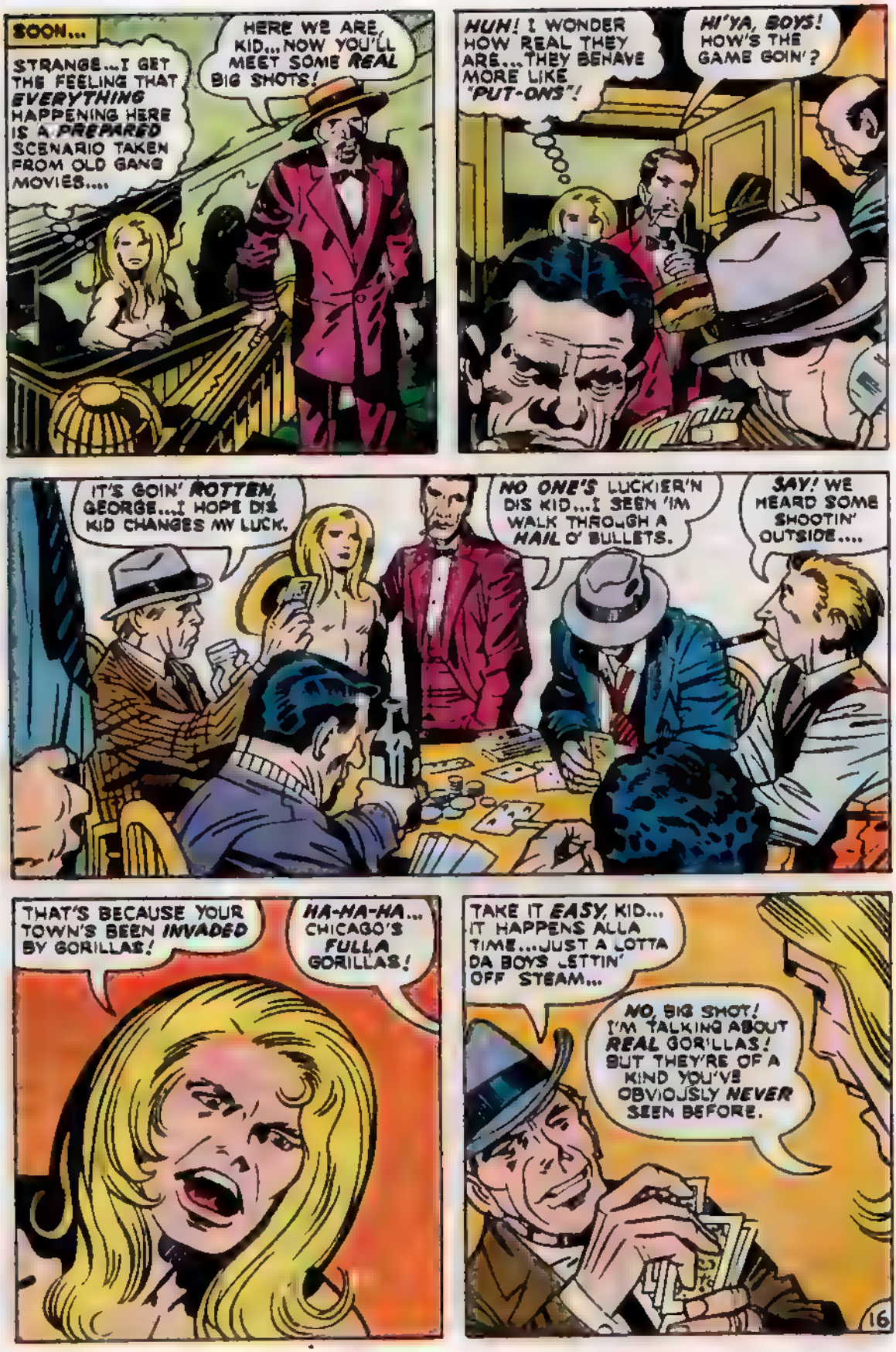
SOON...
STRANGE...I GET THE FEELING THAT EVERYTHING HAPPENING HERE IS A PREPARED SCENARIO TAKEN FROM OLD GANG MOVIES....
HERE WE ARE, KID...NOW YOU'LL MEET SOME REAL BIG SHOTS!
HUH! I WONDER HOW REAL THEY ARE...THEY BEHAVE MORE LIKE "PUT-ONS"!
HI'YA, BOYS! HOW'S THE GAME GOIN'?
IT'S GOIN' ROTTEN, GEORGE...I HOPE DIS KID CHANGES MY LUCK.
NO ONE'S LUCKIER'N DIS KID...I SEEN 'IM WALK THROUGH A HAIL O' BULLETS.
SAY! WE HEARD SOME SHOOTIN' OUTSIDE....
THAT'S BECAUSE YOUR TOWN'S BEEN INVADED BY GORILLAS!
HA-HA-HA... CHICAGO'S FULLA GORILLAS!
TAKE IT EASY, KID... IT HAPPENS ALLA TIME...JUST A LOTTA DA BOYS LETTIN' OFF STEAM...
NO, BIG SHOT! I'M TALKING ABOUT REAL GORILLAS! BUT THEY'RE OF A KIND YOU'VE OBVIOUSLY NEVER SEEN BEFORE.
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OH, YEAH? WHADDA DESE GORILLAS DO?...RUN STREET CARS? HA-HA-HA!
SHUT UP, KID! YER ONLY HERE TA BRING US LUCK...
WELL, YOUR LUCK IS RUNNING OUT... FAST!
I CAN'T LET THE GORILLAS WIN...THEY'LL TAKE THIS TOWN AND MY FREEDOM, TOO...
I MUST MAKE THESE JERKS GET UP AND FIGHT!
YER YELLA!...THE BUNCH OF YA! YER AFRAID TA FIGHT DOSE APES!
KEEP TALKIN', KID... YA SOUND LIKE YA WANT A BUSTED LEG!
YA DON'T SCARE ME!...GIMME DAT CIGAR!
UNNNK...!
DAT WAZ A BAD MISTAKE, KID...
NOBODY PULLS DAT STUFF ON ME ...AND LIVES!
HOLD IT! A KID WIT' DAT MUCH GUTS IS WOIT LISTENIN' TO!
YEAH, SPILL IT, KID...IS DAT GORILLA STUFF ON DA LEVEL?
DEY TRYIN' TA MUSCLE IN ON US?
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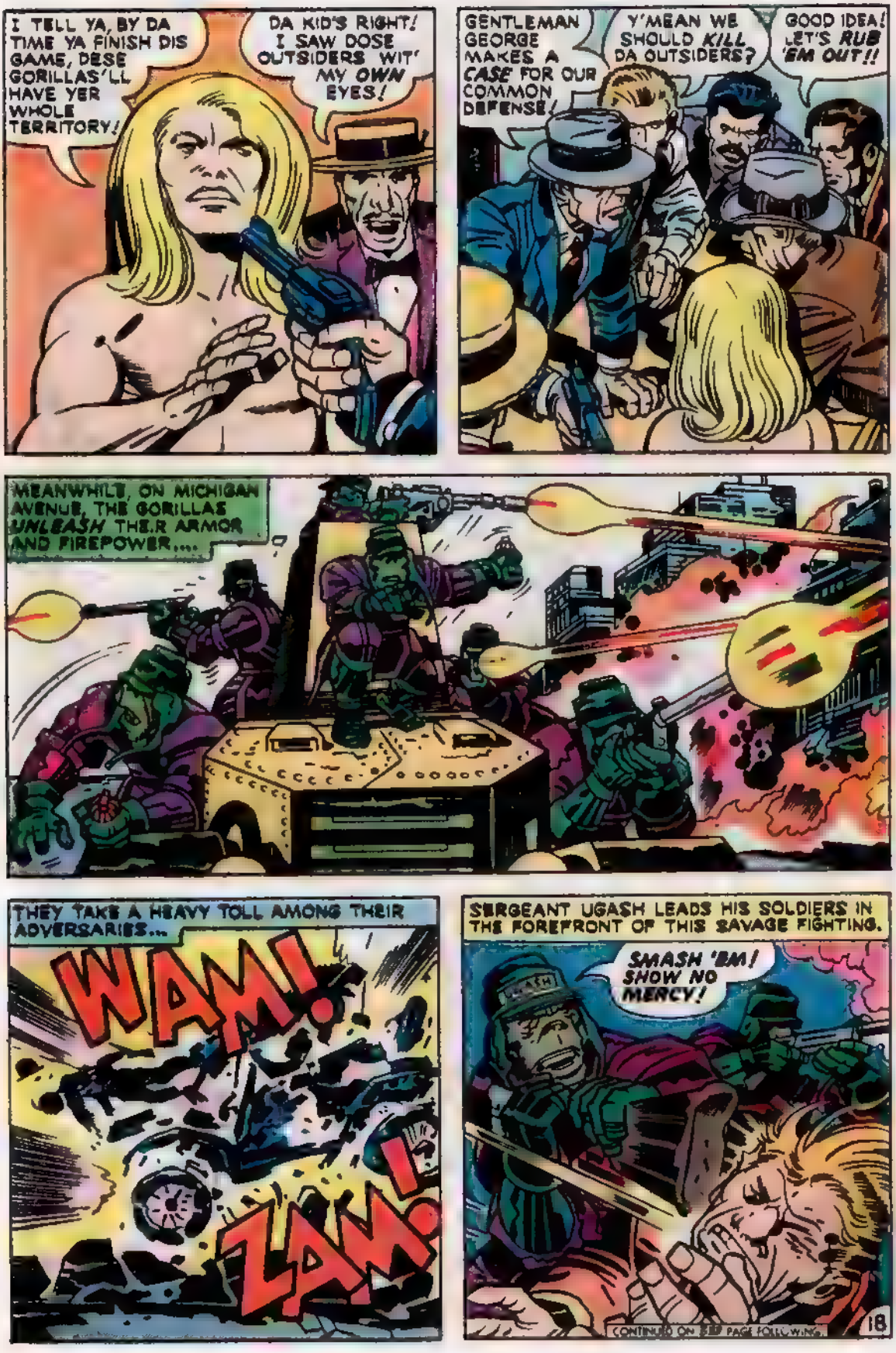
I TELL YA, BY DA TIME YA FINISH DIS GAME, DESE GORILLAS'LL HAVE YER WHOLE TERRITORY!
DA KID'S RIGHT! I SAW DOSE OUTSIDERS WIT' MY OWN EYES!
GENTLEMAN GEORGE MAKES A CASE FOR OUR COMMON DEFENSE!
Y'MEAN WE SHOULD KILL DA OUTSIDERS?
GOOD IDEA! LET'S RUB 'EM OUT!!
MEANWHILE, ON MICHIGAN AVENUE, THE GORILLAS UNLEASH THEIR ARMOR AND FIREPOWER....
THEY TAKE A HEAVY TOLL AMONG THEIR ADVERSARIES...
WAM!
ZAM!
SERGEANT UGASH LEADS HIS SOLDIERS IN THE FOREFRONT OF THIS SAVAGE FIGHTING.
SMASH 'EM! SHOW NO MERCY!
UGASH
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SUDDENLY....
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TOO LATE, UGASH!! YOU CAN'T STOP US!!
POPOPOPOP!!
FROM EVERY OPEN MANHOLE, THE DENIZENS OF CHICAGO RISE TO GIVE BATTLE....
BRAAAAAPP!
BAM!
POW!
RATATATATAT!
UGASH! SHOW YOURSELF! YOU AND I ARE GOING TO SETTLE THIS BETWEEN OURSELVES!!!
GET BACK, KID! I SEE DA BIG APE!!
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BLAM!
I'LL BLAST YOU FIRST, ANIMAL!
Y-YOU KILLED HIM!... YOU...!
BEEOW!
UGASH, YOU'VE STILL GOT ME TO RECKON WITH!
I'LL FINISH YOU OFF, TOO!
WHA..! THE DEAD ONE...HE'S GETTING TO HIS FEET!
KEEP 'IM BUSY, KID! ...TILL I GET A SHOT AT 'IM!
YOU'VE SUDDENLY TURNED CHICKEN, UGASH!
LOOK! LOOK! H-HE WAS DEAD! I-I KILLED HIM... AND NOW...!
STEP ASIDE, KID! HE'S ALL MINE!
HIS FACE! HIS FACE!
WHAT'S GOING ON IN OLD CHICAGO!!?
IT'LL SEND YOU SCREAMING~!!!
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THE ELECTRIC CHAIR!
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THE TIME CAPSULE

By Steve Sherman

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Dear Jack, Mike and Steve,

Did I miss something? I've read and enjoyed every issue since its inception, yet I am confused. I thought Kamandi was the only human who could speak intelligently," reason, and in that sense indeed be, "The Last Boy on Earth." But, in issue #12 I find other humans talking semi-intelligently (Spirit, Bull Bantam) as a result of Mr. Sacker's training. It got me to thinking that with further training they could be just as smart as Kamandi? Well—almost as smart, since he seems to be exceptionally bright.

Referring back to KAMANDI #1, it says; "A natural disaster linked with radiation" caused Man to slip to the status of lower order animals. I understood it to mean that the radiation had caused Man to permanently lose the ability to speak, let alone coherently.

Now, according to your twelfth issue, if enough humans were trained sufficiently I think they could slowly begin to reclaim their original status in the animal world. This would create some great story ideas in the process.

Can you imagine stories having the few "learned" humans teaching the untrained ones to speak and think? The formation of large underground movements waiting for the day when their numbers are great enough to battle the animals for possession of the Earth! Wow! What issues!

Lawrence Deyab, Cambridge, Mass.

Wow, what issues indeed, Larry! It's a possibility that hasn't been overlooked by Jack and might just explain why other "intelligent" humans are being introduced into the series. We'll have to leave it to the upcoming issues to provide us with a glimpse of what it all means. After all, wouldn't you rather have Jack explain it in twenty action-packed pages instead of me in one quick paragraph?

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Dear Jack,

This letter concerns the future of KAMANDI. We all know that KAMANDI will have to end like the other Kirby DC books have. Probably to make way for new ones. And, like THE DEMON and MR. MIRACLE, you are going to have to resolve things in one way or another. The question is how?

You can't just leave us hanging in mid-air like you did with the other books, as to Kamandi's future (as well as Earth's). I certainly hope that you don't use the Doomsday Bomb cop-out. I suggest that; in the end, Kamandi should be straightened out and forced to accept the situation. That there's nothing that can be done about it. This would leave Kamandi trying to live as normally as possible with the men and the animals.

In any case, I just hope KAMANDI ends as well as it began.

John Egan, San Mateo, Ca.

Hold on, John! Kamandi's adventures are far from over yet. And all indications seem to point to many more issues to come. Who knows, we might even break 25. Jack's two new comics in no way interfere with the continuance of KAMANDI. However, if the paper shortage gets any worse, we may have to send Jack door-to-door and have him tell each story personally.

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Dear Jack,

KAMANDI #13 was as great as all of the other issues have been. Bull Bantam makes a terrific villain for Kamandi to fight. Klick-Klack was a great addition to the comic, and I hope I see more of him even if he was injured in the story. I liked the picture of the gorilla at the race lighting up the cigar. Before I end I would like to know if it would be possible to have a future issue of KAMANDI in the giant size?

Jim Bourland, Milpitas, Ca.

Glad to hear that you're enjoying the magazine, Jim. As you know by now, poor Klikkik's injuries were too much for him, but who can tell what new creatures Kamandi might stumble onto as we move along? Since many DC comics are now going to giant size, it's probably just a matter of time before KAMANDI too goes "big-time." However, for the present, we'll still be coming to you in the familiar 20¢ size.

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"Say what, Mom? You liked it? Loved it!? Thought you would. Hey, would you buy the next few issues for me, I'm short on—Darn. Well, at least you liked it!"

Oh, sorry for leaving you comic creators in the dark like that. I was conversing with my mother on the subject of comics in general and KAMANDI #12 specifically.

It isn't often that my mother reads a comic (other than your horror-mystery titles) and *comes to me* saying she enjoyed it. She didn't notice Kirby's full-page and his superb backgrounds. She didn't think about Flower having a sister or even her semi-nakedness (wow!). But she liked it! You guys have really triumphed this issue! It was my favorite one to date. I'm very relieved that you didn't bring Flower back as it would have been totally unreal.

Flower having a sister was believable and a good move on your part. All in all, KAMANDI is a good idea, but don't take it too far. I also favor the idea of the absence of talking horses. What I'm waiting for is a talking Aardvark!

Ken Meyer, Jr., Savannah, Ga.

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Thanks for the letter, Ken. We'll leave the talking Aardvarks to Saturday morning cartoons—even though it might make an interesting story to have Kamandi face a colony of Pink Panthers.

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Dear Jack,

On the subject of intelligent horses, my conclusions are: At the time of the great cataclysm, the only animals affected were the meat-eating carnivores (lions, wolves, tigers, etc.) and the omnivores (both plant and meat eaters, such as bears, apes, rats). The hoofed animals (horses, cows, etc.) live entirely on plants and were not mutated. They may have been affected some other way, but I'll leave that up to you.

As soon as Kam gets through with Bull Bantam, I hope he finds his way West once more. Those "Intelligent Killer Whale Raiders" from the map in issue one have captured my imagination. When he finally does get there, it would be interesting to see a few dolphins or sea otters.

Brad Coulson, Breckenridge, Mich.

We'll see what can be done about speeding things up, Brad. Thanks for the tip on the horses.

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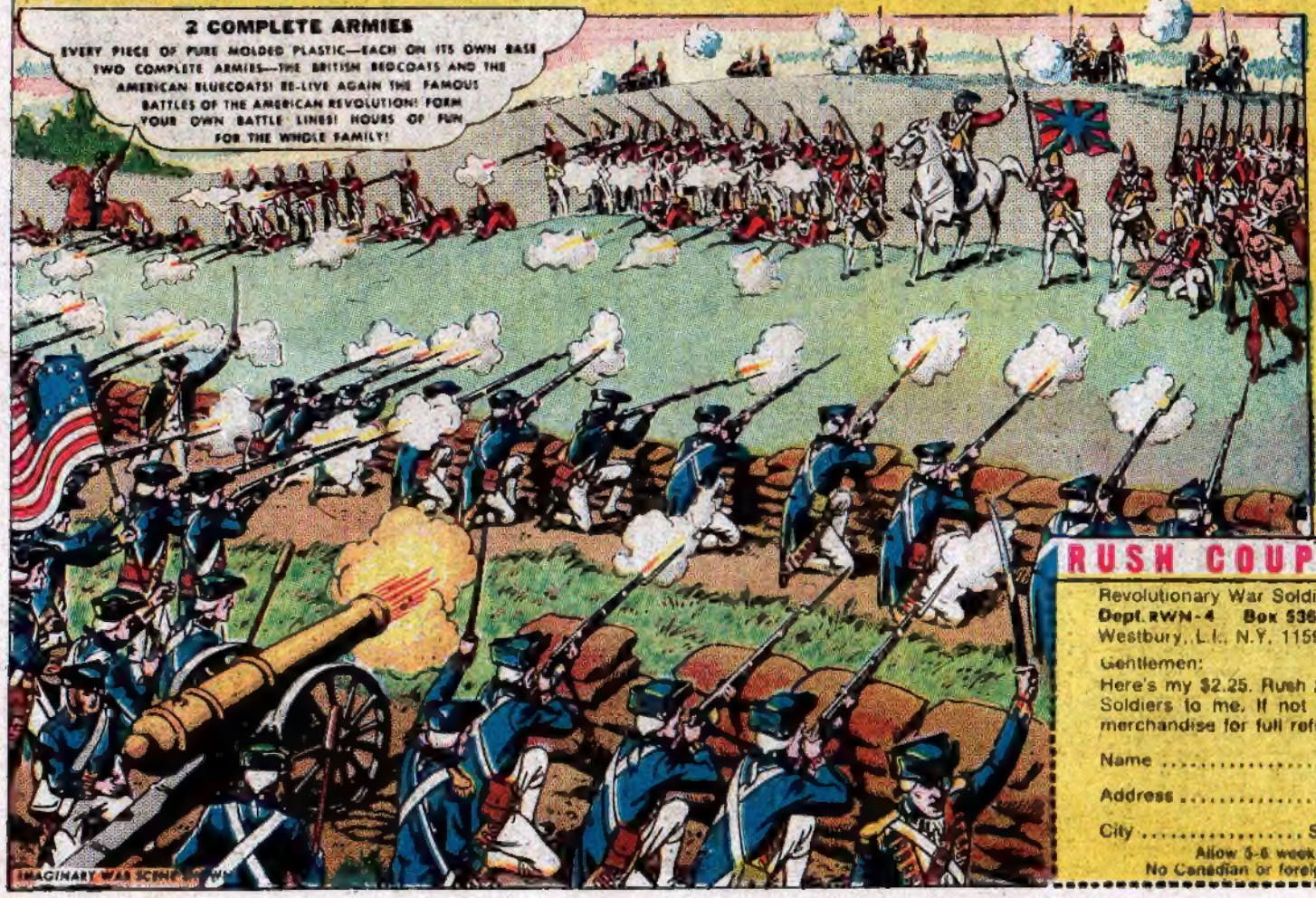

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BOY! IT DIDN'T TAKE ATLAS LONG TO DO THIS FOR ME! WHAT MUSCLES! THAT BULLY WON'T SHOVE ME AROUND AGAIN!
LATER
WHAT! YOU HERE AGAIN? HERE'S SOMETHING I OWE YOU!
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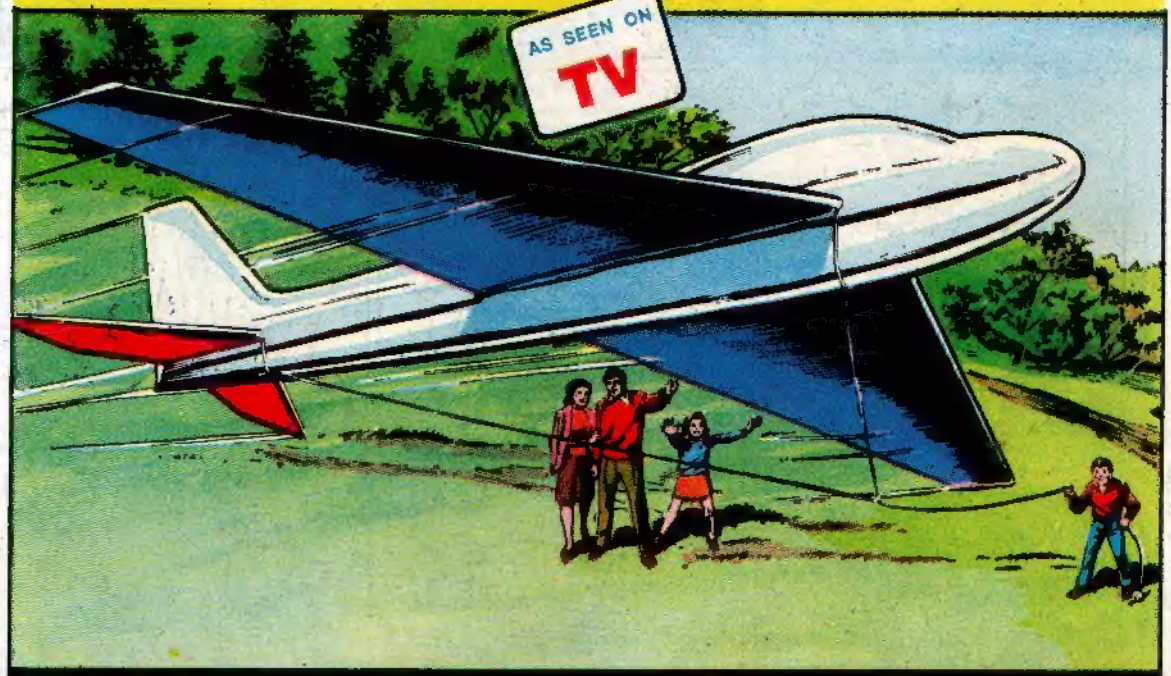

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